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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6296

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PASS U.S. DISPATCH AGENT, BALTIMORE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OTRN
SUBJ: MISSING SHIPMENTS TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

1. WE ARE MISSING SEVEN SHIPMENTS DISPATCHED TO KUWAIT ON VOYAGE NO. 8 OF WATERMAN VESSEL SAM HOUSTON WHICH DEPARTED U.S. O/A 7/18. SHIPMENTS ARE BALT. B/L NO'S 1-7. A POV SHIPPED UNDER BALT. B/L NO. 8 DID ARRIVE. MISSING SHIPMENTS ARE 3 CS TELEPHONE EQUIP; 2 CS SAFE; AND 5 SKID VANS AND 2 CS HHE.

2. LOCAL WATERMAN AGENT SHOWED US A MANIFEST FOR SAM HOUSTON BARGE NO. WA 1-0314. MANIFEST INDICATES THAT OUR EIGHT SHIPMENTS, B/L'S 1-8 WERE ON THAT BARGE. HOWEVER, BARGE NO. WA 1-0314 WAS NOT SCHEDULED TO BE UNLOADED FROM SAM HOUSTON IN KUWAIT.

3. WE HAD LOCAL WATERMAN AGENT QUERY THEIR AREA OFFICE IN ATHENS AS TO LOCATION OF OUR GOODS. ATHENS REPLIED THAT QUOTE GENERAL CARGO EX BARGE 0314 HAD BEEN RESTOWED IN BARGE 0379. UNQUOTE. WE ASSUME THIS RESTOWING MUST HAVE OCCURRED IN BALTIMORE.

4. BARGE 0379 ARRIVED IN KUWAIT AND DID CONTAIN THE POV, BALT. B/L NO. 8, BUT DID NOT CONTAIN OUR SHIPMENTS UNDER B/L'S 1-7.

5. REQUEST DISPATCH AGENT CHECK WITH WATERMAN AS TO LOCATION OF OUR SHIPMENTS UNDER B/L'S 1-7. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT OUR GOODS MIGHT HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN LEFT IN BARGE 0314 OR RESTOWED IN
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A BARGE OTHER THAN 0379. DOES WATERMAN KNOW WHERE BARGE 0314

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WAS DISCHARGED? OR WHERE GOODS MAY BE?

6. WE ARE QUERYING POSTS ALONG HOUSTON'S ROUTE BY SEPTEL.
MAESTRONE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

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